

abroad, but good intentions are not sufficient cause for Congress to plant its head in the sand and ignore what is becoming increasingly obvious.

Our renewable standard is creating problems with food prices here at home and food shortages abroad. It's leading to destabilization of world governments because of the effect of hunger and deprivation in developing countries. It is time for this Congress to get it right. It's time for this Congress to reexamine those renewable fuel standards, back off for a while until the price situation stabilizes in the world market. And we have to get serious about increasing energy supply to run this economy, to run what Ronald Reagan described as the last best hope on Earth for democracy.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. CARTER (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today after 3 p.m. on account of a family medical emergency.

Mr. COBLE (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today until 4:30 p.m. on account of attending the graduation ceremony at the United States Coast Guard Academy.

Mr. SENSENBRENNER (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today until 4:30

p.m. on account of a doctor's appointment.

Mr. TIAHRT (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today on account of a funeral in the district.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFazio, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. LANGEVIN, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. POE) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. TANCREDO, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. CALVERT, for 5 minutes, today and May 22.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REFERRED

A concurrent resolution of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. Con. Res. 79. Concurrent resolution congratulating and saluting Focus: HOPE on its 40th anniversary and for its remarkable commitment and contributions to Detroit, the State of Michigan, and the United States; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

BILL PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Lorraine C. Miller, Clerk of the House reports that on May 20, 2008 she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bill.

H.R. 2419. To provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 56 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, May 22, 2008, at 10 a.m.

EXPENDITURE REPORTS CONCERNING OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL

Reports concerning the foreign currencies and U.S. dollars utilized for Speaker-Authorized Official Travel during the fourth quarter of 2007 and the first quarter of 2008, pursuant to Public Law 95-384 are as follows:

AMENDED REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND COMMERCE, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JAN. 1 AND MAR. 31, 2008

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Hon. Michael Burgess	2/20	2/24	Kuwait		328.00						328.00
			Iraq								
			Pakistan								
			Afghanistan								
Commercial Air Fare							8,022.00				8,022.00
Hon. Barbara Cubin	2/15	2/21	Brazil		1,616.00		(³)				1,616.00
Hon. Barbara Cubin	3/24	3/25	Egypt		278.00		(³)				278.00
	3/25	3/26	Afghanistan				(³)				75.00
	3/26	3/29	Pakistan		998.31		(³)				998.31
Hon. John Shimkus	3/29	3/30	Czech Republic		431.12		(³)				431.12
Commercial Air Fare	1/16	1/19	Lithuania		255.00						255.00
Vito Fossella			England		(⁴)						
			France		(⁵)						
Commercial Air Fare							8,429.01				8,429.01
Round trip rail fare: London/Paris							434.00				434.00
Committee total					3,981.43		24,942.40				28,923.83

¹ Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.

² If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

³ Per diem used in Kuwait only.

⁴ Per diem to be provided on amended report.

⁵ Military air transportation.

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL, Chairman, May 8, 2008.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JAN. 1 AND MAR. 31, 2008

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Hon. John Tanner	12/31	1/2	New Zealand		300.00						300.00
	1/2	1/4	Antarctica								
	1/4	1/5	New Zealand		156.00						156.00
	1/5	1/7	Australia		350.00						350.00
Hon. John Larson	1/7	1/8	Canada		288.00			485.14			773.14
	1/8	1/12	United Kingdom		650.00			1,877.34			2,527.34